

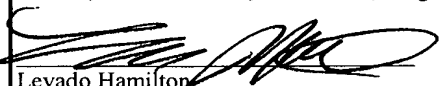


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Earl B. Manchester et al.  
Serial No.: 09/452,753  
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Group Art Unit: 2662  
Examiner: Christopher M. Swickhamer  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING  
SYNCHRONOUS AND ASYNCHRONOUS TRAFFIC ON A  
SYNCHRONOUS BUS OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed November 15, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and the following amendments.